

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1-10. (Canceled)

11 (Currently amended). A composition for a fire-protection agent for materials, characterized in comprising ceramic-forming additives and volume-formers, whereby in the event of heating, a volume of a layer formed by the fire-protection agent is increased by at least 500% in volume ~~The composition of claim 1,~~ wherein at least the ceramic-forming additives in ~~and~~ the volume-formers are present in nanoparticle-coated form.

12 (Currently amended). A composition for a fire-protection agent for materials, characterized in comprising ceramic-forming additives and volume-formers, whereby in the event of heating, a volume of a layer formed by the fire-protection agent is increased by at least 500% in volume ~~The composition of claim 1,~~ wherein the ceramic-forming additives and of the volume-formers are present as salts having a particle size of 1 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

13-17. (Canceled)

18 (Currently amended). A method of producing a fire protection agent, characterized in that the ceramic-forming additives are added to a volume forming fire-protection agent, whereby ~~The method of claim 15,~~ characterized in that the ceramic-forming additives in ~~and~~ the volume-forming fire-protection agent are present as nanoparticle-coated salts.

19-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently amended) A composition for a fire-protection agent for materials, characterized in comprising ceramic-forming additives and volume-formers, whereby in the event of heating, a volume of a layer formed by the fire-protection

agent is increased by at least 500% in volume The composition of claim 2, characterized in that the ceramic-forming additives are disodium tetraborate and ammoniumpentaborate.

23-26. (Canceled)